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**Abstract**

An improved nesting box for migratory waterfowl, such as wood ducks, made of durable plastic and in a canister shape. This wood duck house with round contours and a tight fitting lid deters predators from entry. The entry and egress hole is of sufficient size to allow a wood duck in flight to easily alight into the canister nesting area. The entry hole is of sufficient length from the bottom of the canister to be longer then the reach of any predator. The invention provides a mesh grid climbing ladder secured to the inside bottom and side of the canister for easy egress by the ducklings upon hatching. This wood duck house is not to be mounted on a tree. An additional improvement is that this invention is to be mounted on a round plastic hollow segmented pole that can be planted directly in the water of a wetlands area thereby allowing the ducklings to exit the canister and jump safely to the water below. The round contours of the canister and pole makes it extremely difficult for predators to find a place to grasp and climb. The segmented pole is sealed at its bottom end thus preventing water seepage and cracking from ice when planted in cold climates. The pole can also be planted in a shoreline area about fifteen feet from any tree to deter squirrels.

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